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Serial Nos. 1 & 2.

Part B for May 1916.

SUBJECT.

Proposal to issue free licenses on the Mainad to all applicants of good character and to exempt them from taking out licenses under the Game regulation for a period of 3 years, and to organise Shooting clubs in District and Taluk headquarters,

To The Deputy Commr & Chairman D. B. Committee
Shimoga Dt.
No 8267. dt. 11.5.16.

States that Govt do not consider it desirable to grant wholesale exemptions from taking out licenses under the Game & Fish Preservation Regulation; that there is no objection to his giving publicity to arms and game laws in the manner suggested by the Committee; that as regards the issue of licenses, the District Magistrate has full authority to issue them under the rules framed by Government on behalf and that the proposal to organize Shooting clubs and Shooting competitions for village folk do not commend themselves to Govt at present.

M K Jarman
26/5/16

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File No. 95-15

FILE HEADING.

Exemption of the malnad Ryots of the Shimoga District from taking out game licenses and organization of Shooting Competitions in malnad Taluks.

From

The Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, D. B. Committee, Shimoga

No. 68 Dated 29.1.16 Received 31.1.16

Diary No. 4778	Enclos. 2	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Suggests that gun licenses may be freely issued in the malnad to all applicants of good character, that the malnad people may be exempted from taking out licenses under the Game Regulation for a period of 3 years, and that shooting clubs be organised in District and Taluk Head quarters & that shooting Competitions be organised for ryots in the malnad taluks and prizes offered.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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If approved, Br III may be consulted

2/2 The main question is whether the general exemption can be granted.

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2/2 The other proposals are all quite advisable

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Br III

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Certainly to

3) Regarding issue of gun licence more liberally there is no legal objection & it is a matter within the Dt. Magts' discretion.

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4) The Game laws do not contemplate the grant of exemption except to the extent mentioned in section 12 of the Game & Fish Preservation Regulation and the proposal to exempt the people for a period of 3 years seems, therefore, to be opposed to law.

5) There do not seem to be any objection to the Dy. Comrs proposals regarding giving wide publicity to the arms & games laws & to organize shooting competitions and shooting clubs.

6) It is suggested that the I. G. of Police may, ~~[illegible]~~, be consulted.

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7) Subd. for orders with copies of Game Regulation & Arms Regulation & Rules thereunder.

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Mr 8) The Malvad Improvement Committee have not resolved that there should be liberal issue of gun licences. The issue of licences is regulated by the Arms Regulation and the Dt. Magistrate may exercise his discretion

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and powers vested in him under the Rules in regard to the grant of licenses.

9) The Game & Fish Preservation Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder do not provide for exemptions. The ~~Rules~~ law requires modification if the proposal of the Committee is approved by Government. The Inspector General of Police, Forests may be consulted.

10) There is no objection to giving publicity to the Game laws.

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Copies of the Game Laws and Rules are sent herewith.

Mr
10-2-16

11) Submitted for orders with reference to para 9 of the note.

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12) Forwarded unofficially to the Inspector General of Police for favour of opinion.

By order

Benjamin Walker
for Secy to Govt
Genl Dept.
12/2/16

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13) Laudable as the proposals of the Malnad Improvement Committee are, the idea of a free and unfettered issue of licenses for arms, unless the applicants satisfy all the rules and conditions laid down by law, would be inexpedient and not

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quite advisable, more so in view of the present situation.

14) The grant of exemption from taking out licenses under the Game laws, would likewise defeat the very object ~~with which the Regulation~~ was introduced.

15) The other three proposals of the Committee may be approved.

Bangalore,
7th April 1916.

C. Sankaranarayana
7/4/16

16. Submitted for orders with the recommendation of the D.G. of Police in Mysore.

17 draft pointing out the objections raised by Mr III & the D.G. of Police ~~to certain proposals~~. & sanction expenditure on Shooting Camps

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Asst
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18 Draft submitted for orders

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2nd member.
Extraordinary member

Recommendation
2/5/16.

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3-5-16

19 I am asking for the opinion of shooting clubs to the present draft revised by 4's —

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	20) An alternative draft is put up which may issue if the First Member agrees.
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	147 8.5.16 1st Member) May be issued
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	22) 9/5
2	23) To the Dy. Comr. & Chairman, Dt. J. C. Shimoga Dist. Letter No. 8267 dated 11-5-16. With refce. to Sl. 1, states that Govt. do not consider it desirable to grant wholesale exemption from taking out licenses under the Game & Fish Preservation Regulation for reasons stated; that order of Govt. are required as the Dist. Magistrate has full authority to issue licenses under the Arms Regulation under the Rules framed by Govt. and that the proposals for organizing shooting competitions & clubs do not commend themselves to Govt. at present
	24) To the Inspector General of Police. No. 8268 dated 11-5-16. Forwards copy of Sl. 2.

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No. 68
Encl. two.

Office of the Malnad Improvement
Committee, Shimoga District.

Dated Shimoga, 29 January 1916.
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From

K. Matthan Esquire, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Shimoga District.

To

D.M. Narasinga Rao, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of a memo placed by me before the Malnad Improvement Committee at its last meeting, regarding the physical degeneracy of the present day malnad ryot, together with a copy of the resolution of the Committee. As a result of somewhat close study of malnad conditions I am strongly of opinion that only a sturdy and manly population can withstand the malnad climate and for this purpose physical exercises, the use of fire arms, and the pursuit of game are invaluable.

In the enclosed memo I have suggested

1. that gun licenses should be freely issued in the malnad to all applicants of good character,

2. that the malnad people may be exempted from taking out licenses under the Game Regulation for a period of three years,

3. that in order to remove existing misapprehensions regarding the Arms and Game laws wide publicity be given to the existing rules and concessions by leaflets,

4. that shooting competitions be organised for ryots in the malnad taluks and ~~that~~ prizes offered,

and 5. that shooting clubs be organised in District and

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From

The Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,

Malnad Improvement Committee,

Shimoga District.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore

General Department, Bangalor

Dated 29th January 1916.

Despatched 30 ,, ,,

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General No. 68.

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Enclosure No. Two.

Subject.

Submits certain proposals and recommend
tions relating to Arms and Game Regulati
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Taluk Head Quarters,

The Committee warmly supported these proposals and have resolved to move Covernment to exempt malnad ryots of this District from taking out game licenses for a period of three years and to accord permission to this Committee to organise shooting competitions in the malnad taluks and and to spend Rs 300/- out of its funds to grant prizes. (This would be in addition to local contributions that may be forth-coming.)

I am aware that there may be difficulties in sanctioning these proposals at present, in the other malnad Districts where conditions are different but I am confident that in the malnad parts of the Shimoga District, the encouragement of a more extended use of fire arms can have nothing but a salutary effect.

The idea of forming shooting clubs is one that I have had in view for about two years, and many non-official gentlemen with whom I have discussed the subject, have expressed themselves in favor of it. But in view of various circumstances that have arisen out of the present war, this is perhaps not the best time for taking action in this direction. But the subject is one which in my opinion requires to be kept in view.

I request you will so good as to obtain the sanction of Government to the proposals and recommendations of the Committee.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner Chairman,
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Shimoga District.

Enc to Lang 95-15-1

Proceedings of the fourth meeting of the Malnad Improvement Committee, Shimoga District, held on Tuesday the 11th January 1916.

XVI. A memo from the Chairman re- the physical degeneracy of the present day malnad ryot and offering some suggestions for the encouragement of manly exercises.

Resolved that shooting competitions for the village folk be organised in the malnad taluks of this District and that a sum of Rs. 300/- be alloted for this purpose and that Government be moved to exempt local - people of the malnad parts of this District from taking game licenses for a period of three years.

Resolved further that wide publicity be given to the existing concessions and privileges under the - - Arms Regulation by the issue of a suitable leaflet in Kanada.

Sd/ K. Matthan.
Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Shimoga District.

"Extract"

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Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Shimoga District.

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Appendix to resolution No. XVI of the fourth meeting of the Malnad Improvement Committee, Shimoga District, dated 11th January 1916.

In connection with the various measures for the Improvement of the malnad- medical, sanitary and economic, it has to be remembered that the physical and mental character of the population is ultimately the most important factor.

2. Ignorance, indolence and physical degeneracy are the chief evils that we have to fight before we can look for material improvement,. From my experience of the malnad, I am strongly of opinion that it is only a sturdy manly population that can resist the evil effects of the malnad climate. That the malnad population in ancient times answered to this description there can be no doubt. The extent of garden cultivation of a very intensive kind and the large nurber of tanks constructed by the people themselves are standing monuments of energy and activity in the past. It is also known that in the past many of the malnad folk(expecially the halepaiks) bore arms and were good shikaris. Martial exercises, and the pursuit of game, (with its attendant characteristics of courage, and determination) developed the qualities of manliness and self-reliance without which vigorous life in the malnad id not possible. But the restrictions of the Arms Regulation and the Game Regulation have dealt a death blow to these qualities. Many noted shikaris of older times have been successed by sons so degenerate and effiminate as not even to know how to handle a gun. Several such instances have come to my personal notice. Apart from the restrictions imposed by these regulations , there is a good deal of misapprehensions about their scope. Many do not know that licenses

to kill

to kill wild beasts for the protection of crops can be freely given under the Arms Regulation and that these entitle the holders to pursue and kill such beasts and that for this no license under the Game Regulation is necessary. Petty officials of the Forest and Police Departments are apt to take advantage of these misapprehensions and harass the ignorant villagers with the result that we now hear many villagers say that they have no idea of going in for gun licenses. I venture to say that one of the chief causes of the decay of the malnad is to be sought for in this state of affairs and a remedy is urgently called for.

As for as the Arms Regulation is concerned, no extension of its provisions or relaxation of its restrictions appears to be necessary. It is sufficient if the licensing authorities are reasonably generous in the issue of licenses and do not refuse licenses to the applicants from the malnad who are certified to be of good character, and require them for the protection of their crops etc. Further wide publicity should be given to the existing concessions under the Regulation and its bearing on the Game Regulation.

As regards the Game Regulation, I am of opinion that local people of the malnad may be exempted ~~for~~ from taking licenses under this Regulation for a period of say- three years. The matter is important not merely in making the people adopt more manly habits, but also in enabling them to obtain better food.

The use of fire arms has now gone down to such an extent that special inducements and encouragements are necessary in the matter. The recent gift by His Highness the Yuvaraja, of a rifle and 100 cartridges to a shikari of the Sagar Taluk, who has shot more than 100 tigers and cheets has been a great encouragement. I would also suggest that shooting competitions for village

folk

should be organised by the Malnad Improvement Committee in some central parts, with suitable prizes. As a further encouragement, shooting clubs may also be formed at District and Taluk Head Quarters, but for the present no grants need be given for the purpose.

Sd/ K. Matthan.

Copy

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Shimoga District.

Exemption of the Malnad ryots(Shimoga District) from game licenses, and, organising of shooting competitions.

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Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to 1915

No. 8267

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To 11.5.16.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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The Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Malnad Improvement Committee,
Shimoga District.

Date of issue 11.5.16.

Signed by Mra.V.Ramanathan.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 68 dated 29/30th January 1916 submitting for the sanction of Government the resolution of the Malnad Improvement Committee for popularising the extended use of fire arms by the Malnad ryots of the Shimoga District, I am directed to state that Government do not consider it desirable to grant wholesale exemptions from taking out licenses under the Game and Fish Preservation

over.

SUBJECT.

Preservation Regulation, as the very object with which the Regulation was introduced - would thereby be defeated. They have no - objection to your giving wide publicity to the Arms and Game laws in the manner suggested by the Committee. As regards licenses under the Arms Regulation, I am to say that no orders of Government are required as the District Magistrate has full authority to issue them under the Rules framed - by Government in this behalf. The other proposals made, viz organizing shooting competitions for village folk and forming - shooting clubs at District and Taluk headquarters, do not commend themselves to Government at present.

I have &c.,

8268 Sam 95-15-2 9.11.5.16.

General Secretary to Govt.

Copy to ~~the Comptroller~~, I.G. of Police and Branch III.

List of enclosures,

6.5.16.

Copied by

Examined by

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